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The Washington Department of Ecology will convene its first Water Quality Standards Policy Forum from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29. The session is open to the public. It will be convened as a videoconference at Ecology regional offices in Lacey, Bellevue, Yakima and Spokane.

What is the Policy Forum?

The Policy Forum will be a facilitated public policy discussion. The goal is to involve key parties, other interests and the public as Ecology addresses the complex science and public policy issues around adopting new human health-based water quality standards and implementation tools. Policy Forums will have designated times when interested public members can provide comments and ask questions on issues being discussed that day.

What is the Delegate's Table?

The Policy Forum is centered around a core group Ecology has convened to help work through key policy issues. The core group, called the Delegate's Table, consists of individuals representing the interests of their respective communities.

The Delegate's Table will provide advice and perspective to the agency as it addresses the complex science and public policy issues of the rulemaking.

How can I participate?

All interested persons are welcome to join the Policy Forum and encouraged to listen to the Delegate's Table discussions.

Where are the Delegate's Table and Policy Forums going to be held?

October 29, 2012 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (*all locations will be connected by video conference*)

- Lacey – Ecology Headquarters Office ([directions](#))
- Bellevue – Northwest Regional Office ([directions](#))
- Yakima - Central Regional Office ([directions](#))
- Spokane - Eastern Regional Office ([directions](#))

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How can I find out more information?

Read more about the Policy Forum, including the draft agenda:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/hhcpolicyforum.html>

Read more about current Surface Water Quality Standards rule-makings:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/swqs/Currsqwgsruleactiv.html>

Who can I contact with questions?

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